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- 25X1 1. Soviet coast guard units stationed on the Latvian and Lithuanian coasts prior to June 1952 had the military unit number N-2114 (voynskaya chast N-2114). The coast guard headquarters were located in Kaunas, Lithuania, while a second staff was located in Sovetsk, Kaliningrad Oblast. A coast guard unit of approximately 500 men was stationed in Liepaja; the headquarters was located on Padomju prospekts (formerly Kurmajas prospekts), on the left hand side (sic) of the street, in an area near the beach bordered by Uzvaras iela. Although the name of the commander of the unit was not known, informants stated that questions concerning fishing vessels were handled by Captain (fnu) Yazenko.

- 25X1 2. Another coast guard unit was located in the old part of Liepaja, and included a coast guard radio station.

- 25X1 3. The following are locations of other guard posts

- 25X1 a. Svetoji (N 56-02, E 21-05). A searchlight which possibly belonged to a post south of Svetoji was observed between Svetoji and Palanga (N 55-55, E 21-04).
- 25X1 b. Pape (N 56-09, E 21-02). A wooden watchtower was located near the fishing harbor. The entrance to this harbor was guarded by barbed wire and three men. A second guard section was located about four kilometers north of Pape with about 30 men stationed in three houses near the beach. Also in this area was a fixed 75-cm searchlight.
- c. Jurmalciems (N 56-18, E 21-00). Although no searchlights were observed in this location, informants stated that there were coast guards and a watchtower.

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d. Bernati (N 56-22, E 21-00). Although no searchlights were observed in this location, there were coast guards and a watchtower.

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e. Perkone (N 56-28, E 21-02). Searchlights were observed in this town, beginning in 1951. there were coastguardsmen in the area, as there was a watchtower. A permanent traffic control station was located on the highway at Perkone.

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f. Saraiki (N 56-42, E 21-03). there was a guard unit stationed at Saraiki. There was a traffic control point on the road leading to Saraiki.

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g. Pavilosta (N 56-53, E 21-11). About 25 guards were posted here. The guard system included a watchtower and a searchlight, which was strong enough to pick up objects at a distance of two kilometers. During the day this searchlight was put in a shed, and at night was rolled down to the beach on tracks. The searchlight was used every fifteen or twenty minutes.

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In 1948 and 1949, the guard station at Pavilosta was under (ind) Bugayev. Since 1949, Bugayev has been seen in other parts of Latvia, including Liepaja.

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h. Ulmale (N 56-56, E 21-17). a guard post was located in this town.

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i. Jurkalne (N 57-00, E 21-23). a guard post was located in this town.

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j. Sarnate (N 57-07, E 21-26). The strongest guard post between Liepaja and Ventspils was located here; the post consisted of about 80 men. The post also included a watchtower and a powerful searchlight. The searchlight was nearer Uzava than Sarnate.

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k. Uzava (N 57-14, E 21-27). This town had a guard unit, a watchtower, and possibly a searchlight. In 1946, all inhabitants of the shore area between Sarnate and Uzava were evacuated.

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l. Irbe Coast. One day in late autumn 1949, three guard boats patrolling the sound during a storm. They have no information on the type of guard system on the shore, but the local population was evacuated from both sides of the sound and that artillery posts were built on the shore.

4. Patrol boats were stationed off the shore between Liepaja and Akmenrags (N 56-50, E 21-02). Some type of naval installation possibly was located in the area immediately south of Akmenrags.

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